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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/912,411	<b>Applicant(s)</b> ROGERS, TERRENCE EDWARDS	
	<b>Examiner</b> Robert DeBeradinis	<b>Art Unit</b> 2836	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 April 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 19 and 20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 12, 14 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8-11, 13 and 16-18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 April 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>7/10/02, 9/5/03</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Drawings***

The drawing (figure 1) is objected to because the functional blocks are not labeled with their functional names. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

The IDS submitted on 9/5/03 was not considered because numbers are not readable.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1, 7, 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by CHEHADI 6,437,609.

Regarding claims 1, 12.

CHEHADI discloses a voltage regulation system comprising a first voltage regulator configured to receive an input voltage (VR) from a power source and to produce a first output voltage for a first electrical circuit; a controller (230) coupled to the first voltage regulator (220) and configured to change the first output voltage to a second output voltage; and a second voltage regulator configured to receive either of the first output voltage or the second output voltage, and to produce a third output voltage for a second electrical circuit (HV).

Regarding claim 7.

CHEHADI teaches the voltage regulation system according to claim 1, wherein the first electrical circuit comprises a radio frequency transmitter (SR) and the second electrical circuit comprises a radio frequency receiver (VR).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 14, 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over CHEHADI 6,437,609 in view of NGUYEN 6,188,206.

Regarding claim 2.

CHEHADI discloses the voltage regulation system according to claim 1.

CHEHADI is silent wherein the first voltage regulator comprises a buck voltage regulator.

NGUYEN teaches a voltage regulator converts an input voltage to a regulated output voltage and there are many types and applications for voltage regulators, one such type is a switching DC-to-DC step-down regulator or buck regulator (column 1).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of this invention to have modified the first regulator to be a buck regulator. The motivation would have been to reduce the regulator size (col. 1, line 13).

Regarding claim 3.

CHEHADI discloses the voltage regulation system according to claim 1.

CHEHADI is silent wherein the first voltage regulator comprises a boost voltage regulator.

NGUYEN teaches a voltage regulator converts an input voltage to a regulated output voltage and there are many types and applications for voltage regulators.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of this invention to have modified the first regulator to be a boost regulator. The motivation would have been to boost the VR voltage.

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Regarding claims 5, 6, 14, 15.

CHEHADI discloses the voltage regulation system according to claim 1.

NGUYEN teaches a voltage regulator converts an input voltage to a regulated output voltage and there are many types and applications for voltage regulators.

It would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to merely arrange voltage regulators to provide a desired voltage regulation system.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over CHEHADI 6,437,609 in view of ANTOSZKIEWICZ 20010003417.

Regarding claim 4.

CHEHADI discloses the voltage regulation system according to claim 1.

CHEHADI is silent wherein the first voltage regulator comprises a series pass voltage regulator.

ANTOSZKIEWICZ teaches linear series pass regulator is used when high precision is required (paragraph 20).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of this invention to use a series pass voltage regulator. The motivation would be to reduce regulation noise.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 19, 20 allowable over the prior art of record.

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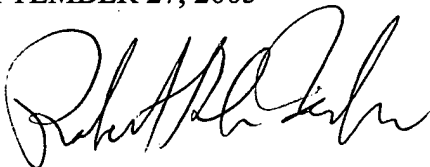
Claims 8-11, 13, 16-18 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Robert L. DeBeradinis whose number is (571) 272-2049. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Brian Sircus, can be reached on (571) 272-2058. The Fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert L. DeBeradinis', written in a cursive style.

ROBERT L. DEBERADINIS  
PRIMARY EXAMINER